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## **EASTER WEEK SERMONS AND MEDITATIONS.**

Sabbath morning, March 20—A family roll call.

Sabbath evening, March 20—On the Way to the Cross.

Tuesday evening, March 22—"Judas.

Wednesday evening, March 23—Pilate.

Thursday evening, March 24—The Call from the Cross.

Friday evening, March 25—The death upon the cross.

Easter morning, March 27—Life and immortality.

Easter evening, March 27—Easter Cantata, Light out of Darkness.

Your presence at these services will be an inspiration to your pastor and fellow church members, and we trust will prove a blessing to yourself.

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We hope to see a full attendance of our members at our special services during Easter week. Bring the children in your families and your friends with you.

The Flower committee of the Young People's society should be furnished with a liberal amount of cash for the Easter decorations. Do not forget to do this. Put your offering in the floral offering box in the west vestibule of the church.

The scholars in the Sunday school and all the members of the church have been supplied with special envelopes for the Easter offering. We hope the envelopes will come back on Easter Sunday well filled.

Every member of Grace church should be at the communion service Easter morning. The pastor will have a brief address and there will be special music by the chorus choir. There will also be baptism and reception of members. It should be a very joyful day for us.

Have you friends that you are anxious to win for Christ? Pray for them and bring them with you to the services during Easter week. Let us aim to accomplish great things for the Lord and the church during these services.

The cottage prayer meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brewer on a recent Wednesday evening was well attended and we had a very inspiring service. If you want a service at your home report to the pastor.

Mrs. Zartman and Mrs. John Snyder entertained the ladies of the Aid and Missionary societies in their homes on recent afternoons at Thimbles. The object of these gatherings is to create acquaintance and promote sociability. Lunch is served and offerings are received for the treasury of the Aid society.

**LIGHT OUT OF DARKNESS****An Easter Cantata**

By Adam Geibel

**Will be Rendered on Easter Evening  
by Chorus, Under the Direction  
of Mrs. A. K. Zartman.**

**PART I.**

No. 1. Prelude.

No. 2. Chorus.

Dark and drear the midnight skies,  
Naught of hope within them lies,  
Starless is the night of gloom,  
As they watch by Jesus' tomb.  
Yet in trust and faith they wait,  
Lonely watchers at the gate,  
Feeling in their inmost soul,  
God away the stone will roll.

For the light will come out of the darkness,  
The dawn soon will break o'er the hills,  
The gloom will be turned into sunshine,  
With music from fountains and rills;  
Then trust in the Lord God Almighty,  
Have faith in His Word and pow'r,  
And the light will come out of the darkness,  
When cometh God's chosen hour.

**NO. 3 BASS SOLO.**

I am he that watcheth on yonder hill-top,  
List to the Word of the Lord!  
Be not cast down,  
For the Lord thy God,  
He will not forget thee,  
He will not forget thee, nor forsake thee,  
And he hath promised that Christ shall rise again;  
Shall rise from the dead.

**NO. 4, CHORALE—FULL CHORUS.**

O, Christ, who died for all,  
Upon dark Calvary,

Hear us who humbly call.  
Wilt thou, our helper be;  
O may we ne'er forget  
Thy glorious sacrifice,  
Which paid redemption's debt,  
To win us paradise.

O, Savior of our race  
O be thou ever near!  
Fill us Lord with thy grace,  
As we depart from here;  
Teach us to walk thy way,  
In sweet humility.  
O may we grow each day  
Dear Savior, more like Thee.

O, Christ, who died for all,  
Far may thy Kingdom spread,  
Where e'er the sun's rays fall,  
Be thou the Church's Head!  
May ev'ry land on earth  
Be won, O Lord to Thee,  
Attesting to thy worth,  
Thy pow'r and Majesty!

**NO. 5 RECITATIVE AND SOLO.****Contralto.**

Raboni! Raboni! O, my Lord and Master  
Shall I never see thy face again?  
Shall I never dry thy tired feet with  
the hairs of my head?  
Raboni! Raboni! O my Lord and Master  
O Savior, Brother, Master, Friend!  
The light of all the world is gone,  
And here I pray now at thy Cross,  
That thou shalt rise again at dawn,  
Forsake me not, for thou alone  
Didst understand the way I trod,  
And tenderly with pitying eyes,  
Thou saw'st me pass under the rod.  
Thou didst cleanse my heart of sin  
Forgiving all the bitter past,  
And now I need thy helping hand,  
The shadows now are gathering fast.  
O Savior, Brother, Master, Friend,  
Would I could give my life for Thine  
O Lord! My faith I will not lose,  
I'll still hope on, through power divine.

**NO. 6 CHORUS.**

O, ye that mourn, be ye comported!  
 Turn from darkness unto the light!  
 For Christ, the Lord, shall rise from  
 the dead,  
 Dawn shall follow the blackness of  
 night.

**NO. 7. DUET, SOPRANO AND TENOR**

After the sorrow and weeping,  
 After the pains and tears,  
 Cometh the glorious sunshine,  
 And the joy of endless years.  
 After the snow of winter,  
 After the bleak cold blast,  
 Cometh the beauteous spring time,  
 With the sweet, warm wind at last,  
 After the weary watching,  
 After the starless night,  
 Cometh the golden morning  
 That floods our path with light.

**NO. 8. RECITATIVE, BASS, QUARTET AND CHORUS.**

Behold a wonderful thing has come to  
 pass!  
 Look ye now the stone is rolled away  
 from the sepulchre,  
 Praised be God the Father,  
 For Christ the Lord is ris'n from the  
 dead;  
 O glad and glorious Easter!  
 Sweet symbol of the Spring!  
 Ring out, O bells the Message,  
 O stars, the Anthem sing,  
 He died to save us.  
 We may redeemed be,  
 For Christ brought peace and pardon  
 To all through Calvary,  
 Sing glorious Hallelujahs,  
 O all ye sons of men!  
 For Jesus Christ the Savior lives on  
 earth again,  
 The night of gloom is over,  
 And blessed be his name  
 For through His mighty vict'ry  
 We all may pardon claim.

**NO. 9, CAROL, FULL CHORUS.**

Out from the old church tower they  
 ring!  
 The joyous Easter bells!  
 And glorious is the song they sing;  
 Those joyous Easter bells!

Hark! from the break of dawn they  
 ring;  
 The joyous Easter bells.  
 At even still their song they sing.  
 Those Glorious Easter bells!  
 Refrain.

This is what the bells of Easter say,  
 Jesus Christ, the Lord is ris'n today.

**NO. 10, SOPRANO SOLO.**

O divine Redeemer, Savior, Lord and  
 King.  
 Be Thou my shield and stay.  
 O divine Redeemer; to thy cross I cling,  
 Be Thou with me always,  
 O divine Redeemer; Glorious Prince of  
 Peace.

The Father's blessed Son,  
 O divine Redeemer, bring my soul re-  
 lease,  
 At last, O spotless One!

**NO. 11, RECITATIVE AND SOLO  
TENOR AND QUARTET.**

Ho, ye that once were sad,  
 But now are comforted,  
 List again to His Word!  
 Peace be unto you;  
 As my Father hath sent me, even so  
 sent I you,  
 Peace be unto you; forever and ever  
 more.

Go ye and teach all nations,  
 Tell all the world His fame!  
 Spread forth this wondrous story.  
 Baptize them in his name,  
 Bear unto them this message,  
 So full of hope and cheer,  
 Lo I am with you alway,  
 What have ye then to fear.

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Women of Section No. 2 netted about \$24 at the monthly supper Thursday evening, March 3rd.

Section No. 3 will serve the next monthly supper, Thursday evening, April 7. The following ladies constitute this section:

Section 3. Will serve first Thursday in April, Managers, Mrs. S. Wertman, Mrs. W. G. Page; assistants, Mesdames Henry Kessler, Karl Kessler, Alfred Barbier, John Ruck, W. Moore, Lillie Mansel, Laura King, Chas. Rogers, Wilhelmine Habecker, S. Schrack, Viola Canning, Chas. Kent, James Quinn, B. G. Main, A. W. Main, Louise Hilgeman, August Kutch, Wm. Botteran, Misses Ethel King, Selma Kutch, Ethel Hilgeman, Luella Hilgeman, Ruth Christian, Daisy Kelley, Evelyn and Mildred Wertman.

George A. Niedhamer died at Neosha, Wis., Wednesday, March 2. He was born at Adrian, Mich., March 4, 1868. He was aged 41 years, 11 months and 28 days. Mr. Niedhamer had been in the west for a number of years, when at home in his earlier years he was an active member of the old Berry street M. E. church. He came to his death by an accident, the nature of which are not yet fully known to the family here. His mother had the body shipped to Fort Wayne and the funeral was from her home on Eliza street, Monday afternoon, March 7. The burial was on the family lot in the Lindenwood. The mother, one brother and three sisters survive the deceased.

John H. VanAllan, died at the St. Joseph hospital Tuesday morning, March 8, from an operation. He was

born in New York city, June 1, 1831. He was aged 78 years, 9 months and 7 days. About a year and a half ago his right foot became diseased, later it was found that amputation was necessary. This was done, but the disease was only checked temporarily. On the morning of March 8, he was taken to the hospital and the left foot was amputated, but the shock was too great, and in a few moments after the operation he passed away. Mr. VanAllan was a resident of Fort Wayne about forty-five years. He was a civil war veteran and was a member of the Sion post. He was received into Grace church nearly two years ago. His wife, one son, two daughters and a step-daughter survive him. The funeral services were held from the home of his step-daughter, Mrs. Kositt Hasslet, 326 West Superior street, Friday afternoon, March 11. The interment was at the New Haven cemetery.

**COMMITTEES.**

Lookout Committee—Irving E. Bitner, chairman; Bertha Weikart, Bertha Goba.

Prayer Meeting Committee—George Shiffer, chairman; Lulu Bitner, Nora Miner.

Social Committee—Estella Bottger, Elsie Weikart, Raymond Close, chairmen; A. Jones, Cherill Drukenbrod, Wm. Hobson, Ruth Gumper, Mrs. F. D. Knott, Bertha Bitner.

Missionary Committee—Mrs. A. K. Zartman, chairman; Lizzie Rudisill, Lulu Bitner.

Music Committee—Mrs. F. D. Knott, chairman; Wm. Hobson, A. Jones, Bertha Bitner, Estella Bottger, Rev. Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

Flower and Calling Committee—Chirrell Drukenbrod, Hazel Gooley, chairmen; Arthur Bitner, Rev. A. K. Zartman.

**LIGHT OUT OF DARKNESS**

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**NO. 12, CHORUS.**

Behold a great light hath come out of darkness.

The chains of sin and death are riven!  
 The man of sorrows,  
 Hath become the great Redeemer of mankind,

Let all the angels of God worship him,  
 Let the stars sing His praise,  
 Let all tongues and nations bless His name,

Let the sea an anthem raise,  
 Let the stars sing His praise,  
 Let the sea a mighty anthem raise,  
 For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

**THE SICK.**

Mrs. Chapman is at the St. Roche's hospital and is seriously ill. She will be glad to see any of the ladies of Grace church.

Mrs. Bierbaum is feeling some better. With the coming of pleasant weather she will likely improve very rapidly.

Mrs. Susan Smith has been very sick with Lagrippe, but is about again.

Mrs. Kate Weiler just recovered from a siege of illness. She is able to be at the services again.

Mrs. A. R. Hills has passed on to her eternal home just as we go to press with this issue of the Visitor. Her obituary will appear in the April issue. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

A little toil and a little rest,  
 And a little more earned than spent,  
 Is sure to bring to an honest breast  
 A blessing of glad content.  
 And so, though skies may frown or smile,  
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March 13—"Patient Faithfulness That Wins the Crown." Rev. 2:1-10, 18, 19; Lulu Bitner.

March 20—"Money a Curse or a Blessing." Luke 12:13-21; Matt. 6:19-21; Mr. Hills.

March 27—"Getting Ready to Live Forever." Ecol. 12:1-7. (Easter meeting). Mrs. F. D. Knott.

April 3—Missionary Study Class; Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

April 10—"God is Here." Ps. 139:1-12; Wm. Hobson.

April 17—"Good Cheer in Dark Days." Act. 27:20-36; Anna Doermer.

April 24—"Christ Winning the World." John 12:20-32; Missionary Committee.

All of the Christian Endeavor societies of the city met for a social gathering in the lecture rooms of the church on Friday evening, Feb. 25. There were more than one hundred of the Endeavorers present and a great deal of enthusiasm was shown. These social meetings are to be held each month and all of our young people should attend and get better acquainted with each other.

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THE BEST RULES.

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At a Brotherhood rally in Chicago last fall, Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman gave those whom he addressed what he said were the best rules for Bible study that he had ever heard, and for which he was indebted to a friend:

1. Study it through.
2. Put it down.
3. Pray it in.
4. Work it out.
5. Pass it on.

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